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1. The reply filed on June 7, 2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): applicants did not include a response to the rejections in paragraphs 5 and 8 and the objections in paragraphs 3 and 6 of the Office action mailed March 28, 2005. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

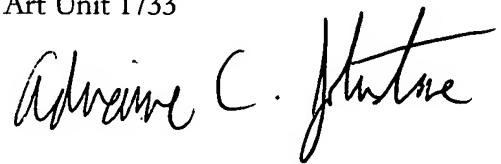
2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Adrienne C. Johnstone whose telephone number is (571)272-1218. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 10:30AM-7:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Dunn can be reached on (571)272-1171. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Adrienne C. Johnstone". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "A" and a long, sweeping underline.

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